

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for managing software code development across a plurality of software code repositories, the method comprising:
  - identifying projects for a software development cycle;
  - initiating concurrent software code development of functional development packages in at least two software code repositories without requiring software code check-out in any of the at least two software code repositories;
  - approving the functional development packages within each of the at least two software code repositories;
  - identifying omissions or conflicts between the approved functional development packages in the at least two software code repositories;
  - resolving the omissions or conflicts between the functional development packages in the at least two software code repositories; and
  - releasing the functional development packages.
2. (original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - approving projects for the software development cycle.
3. (original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - submitting the functional development packages for system testing.

4. (original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
regression testing the functional development packages.
5. (original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
submitting the functional development package for manager approval within the  
respective software code repository.
6. (original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
automatically submitting the functional development packages for code owner  
approval.
7. (original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
applying the functional development packages to a development map within each  
of the software code repositories.
8. (original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
testing the released functional development packages.
9. (currently amended) Computer executable software code transmitted as an  
information signal, the code for managing software code development across a plurality of  
software code repositories, the code comprising:  
code to identify projects for a software development cycle;

code to initiate concurrent software code development of functional development packages in at least two software code repositories without requiring software code check-out in any of the at least two software code repositories;

code to approve the functional development packages within each of the at least two software code repositories;

code to identify omissions or conflicts between the approved functional development packages in the at least two software code repositories;

code to resolve the omissions or conflicts between the functional development packages in the at least two software code repositories; and

code to release the functional development packages.

10. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer executable software code stored thereon, the code for managing software code development across a plurality of software code repositories, the code comprising:

code to identify projects for a software development cycle;

code to initiate concurrent software code development of functional development packages in at least two software code repositories without requiring software code check-out in any of the at least two software code repositories;

code to approve the functional development packages within each of the at least two software code repositories;

code to identify omissions or conflicts between the approved functional development packages in the at least two software code repositories;

code to resolve the omissions or conflicts between the functional development

packages in the at least two software code repositories; and

code to release the functional development packages.

11. (currently amended) A programmed computer for managing software code development across a plurality of software code repositories, comprising:

a memory having at least one region for storing computer executable program code; and

a processor for executing the program code stored in the memory; wherein the program code comprises:

code to identify projects for a software development cycle;

code to initiate concurrent software code development of functional development packages in at least two software code repositories without requiring software code check-out in any of the at least two software code repositories;

code to approve the functional development packages within each of the at least two software code repositories;

code to identify omissions or conflicts between the approved functional development packages in the at least two software code repositories;

code to resolve the omissions or conflicts between the functional development packages in the at least two software code repositories; and

code to release the functional development packages.

12. (currently amended) A method for managing SMALLTALK software code development across a plurality of software code repositories, the method comprising:

identifying projects for a SMALLTALK software development cycle;  
initiating concurrent SMALLTALK software code development with  
ENVY/DEVELOPER of functional development packages in at least two software code  
repositories, the code repositories at physically distinct locations without requiring software code  
check-out in any of the at least two software code repositories;

submitting the functional development packages for manager approval within the  
respective software code repository;

automatically submitting the functional development packages for code owner  
approval;

automatically identifying omissions and conflicts between the functional  
development packages in the at least two software code repositories, the code repositories at  
physically distinct locations;

resolving the omissions or conflicts between the functional development packages  
in the at least two software code repositories, the code repositories at physically distinct  
locations;

regression testing the functional development packages;

approving the functional development packages; and

releasing the functional development packages.

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